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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, EAIR  
SUBJECT: MEETING OF ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP,  
NEW YORK, JUNE 29, 1978

REF: USUN 2002

1. FOLLOWING FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP  
REPRESENTED AT ITS FIFTH MEETING: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA,  
BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG, GHANA, INDONESIA, IRAN, JAPAN,  
NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN, U.K. AND U.S.

2. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN WENT THROUGH LIST OF NON-PARTY  
STATES TO TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS  
AND MEMBERS OF GROUP REPORTED NEW APPROACHES AND  
RESULTS SINCE PROVIOUS MEETING OF GROUP (SEE REFTEL)  
AS FOLLOWS: ALGERIA - NETHERLANDS APPROACHED AND  
ASCERTAINED IT DOES NOT EXPECT TO ACCEDE TO  
CONVENTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE; ANGOLA - SWEDEN APPROACHED  
AND FOUND NON-ACCESSION PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROBLEM; BENIN - GHANA IN CONTACT BUT NOTHING  
CONCRETE YET; BURUNDI - APPLYING HAGUE CONVENTION  
PENDING RATIFICATION; CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE - U.S.  
PROVIDED INFORMATION ON PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSION AFTER  
EMPEROR DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS;  
COMOROS - GHANA WILL APPROACH THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR  
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TO ETHIOPIA; DJIBOUTI - WILL ACCEDE IN NEAR  
FUTURE (FRANCE APPROACHED); ETHIOPIA - GHANA  
APPROACHED AND FOUND IT VERY MUCH OCCUPIED WITH WAR  
BUT NO POLITICAL; REASAONS WHY IT SHOULD NOT  
ACCEDE; GUINEA - ACCESSION BEING STUDIED, DECISION  
IN FEW WEEKS, NO POLITICAL REASONS WHEY IT SHOULD NOT  
ACCEDE; GUINEA - ACCESSION BEING STUDIED, DECISION  
IN FEW WEEKS, NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS BUT POSSIBLE  
ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS (FRANCE APPROACHED); LESOTHO -  
INFORMED ICAO THAT FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEDE  
TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL; MAURITINIA - U.S. AND FRENCH  
AMBASSADORS PLAN TO PRESENT IDENTICAL NOTES VERY SOON  
BUT THERE IS POLICY PROBLEM; MOZAMBIQUE - SWEDEN  
FOUND ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS BUT NO POLICY PROBLEM;  
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE - GHANA IS CONTACT BUT NOTHING  
TO REPORT; SOMALIA - FRG FOUND IT UNWILLING TO  
ACCEDE IN NEAR FUTURE POSSIBLY DUE TO FEELING WESTERN  
SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAUSE IS LACKING; SWAZILAND - U.K.  
ASCERTAINED FOREIGH MINISTRY RECOMMENDING ACCESSION TO  
CABINET, WILL TAKE A FEW WEEKS; TOGO - DO INTEND TO  
ACCEDE BUT ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS (FRANCE APPROACHED);  
TANZANIA - AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN FOUND IT HAS REAL

POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND NO INTENTION TO ACCEDE IN  
NEAR FUTURE; UPPER VOLTA - CANADA FOUND IT PRESENTLY  
CONCERNED WITH ELECTIONS, NOT HIJACKING QUESTION.

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3. BAHRAIN, KUWAIT, QATAR AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES-  
IRAN REPORTED THEY ARE HESITANT TO TAKE ACTION IN VIEW  
PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND ONLY WANT TO BECOME PARTIES  
TO THE CONVENTIONS WHEN ALL OTHER ARAB STATES DO.  
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN - U.K. FOUND SAME TWO PROBLEMS IN  
ADEN. SYRIA - CANADA SAID ICAO HAD BEEN INFORMED  
SYRIA TAKING STEPS TO ACCEDE, IRAN AND U.K. REPORTED  
SIMILARLY AND AUSTRALIA SAID PROVISIONS OF CONVENTIONS  
BEING INCORPORATED IN SYRIAN CIVIL AVIATION LAW;  
GRENADA - U.S. PROVIDED INFORMATION ON RATIFICATION  
PROCEDURES AS REQUESTED; ALBANIA - NOT A MEMBER  
OF ICAO AND DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCEDE TO CONVENTIONS  
(FRANCE APPROACHED); BANGLADESH - DEPOSITED ITS  
ACCESSIONS TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL JUNE 28; MALAYSIA -  
PHILIPPINES JUST INFORMED BY MALAYSIAN DELEGATE TO UN  
CONVENTIONS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND SUGGESTED  
CHAIRMAN OF CONTACT GROUP SEND LETTER TO MALAYSIAN  
MISSION. CHAIRMAN SAID NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO UN  
WOULD SEND LETTER. SRI LANKA DEPOSITED ITS  
ACCESSION TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL JUNE 2. THAILAND  
DEPOSITED RATIFICATION OF HAGUE AND ACCESSION TO  
MONTREAL MAY 16.

4. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED MEETING BY POINTING OUT THAT  
INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED REGARDING POSITION OF  
ALMOST ALL NON-PARTIES TO THE CONVENTIONS. (LATER HE  
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ASKED MEMBERS OF GROUP WHICH HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH NORTH KOREA TO LET HIM KNOW IF THEY WOULD BE  
WILLING TO MAKE APPROACHES IN PYONGYANG.) NO CAPITAL  
WHERE APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE HAD SHOWN ANY  
ANNOYANCE. IN MANY CASES THERE WERE ONLY  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUREAUCRATIC REASONS FOR  
NON-ACCESSION. IT WAS AGREED THAT NEXT MEETING  
OF CONTACT GROUP WILL BE IN JANUARY 1979 TO GO OVER  
RESULTS FOR 1978 AND DECIDE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE  
NEXT. (U.S. AND NETHERLANDS AGREED BEFORE THE  
MEETING THAT SUMMER DOLDRUMS AND BUSY UN SCHEDULE

FOLLOWING COULD BE EXPECTED MAKE A SEPTEMBER 1978  
MEETING UNPROFITABLE.) LEONARD

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